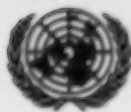


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Programme of meetings and agenda



Official meetings

Thursday, 28 March 2013

Security Council

15:00

6943rd meeting [webcast]

Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Special report of the Secretary-General on the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Great Lakes region (S/2013/119)

Military Staff Committee

11:00 to 13:00

1766th meeting (closed)

Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of March 2013 (Russian Federation) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on its work for the month of March, *today*, 28 March 2013, at 11:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The President of the Security Council will also provide a briefing to the press on its work for the month, *today*, March 2013, at 12:30, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Delegations can view the press briefing from the United Nations Webcast.

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General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

Main Committees**Fifth Committee**

First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 11:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5 (NLB)
	Informal consultations on all outstanding issues	
15:00 to 18:00	27th meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 3 (NLB)
	1. Action on all items	
	2. Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee during the first part of the resumed sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly	

General Assembly**Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty**

15:00 to 18:00	17th meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 1 (NLB)
	Consideration and adoption of the final document and the report [items 13 and 15]	
	Draft decision (A/CONF.217/2013/L.3)	
	Draft report (A/CONF.217/2013/L.2)	

[For further information on the Conference, delegations are invited to visit the website of the Conference at www.un.org/disarmament/ATT.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)
	Executive meeting	

United Nations Appeals Tribunal

10:00 to 11:30	Open meeting [webcast]	Conference Room 4 (NLB)
	Public announcement of the outcome of UNAT judgments rendered during the 2013 spring session	

General Assembly

Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals Briefing

An informal briefing on the draft programme of work of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals will be held *today*, 28 March 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Sustainable Development Informal consultations

The Chair (Kazakhstan) of the Commission on Sustainable Development will hold informal consultations on the twentieth session of the Commission *today*, 28 March 2013, at 15:00, in Conference Room 2 (NLB). All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Irena Zubcevic, Division for Sustainable Development (e-mail zubcevic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4528).

Other meetings

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Thursday, 28 March 2013

Arab Group (First Committee experts)

10:00 to 11:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room C (NLB)

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

10:00 to 13:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Thursday, 28 March 2013

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium [webcast]

- 12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guest: Mr. John Ging, Director of the Coordination and Response Division, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)*]
- 12:30 His Excellency Vitaly Churkin (Russian Federation), President of the Security Council for the month of March

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 2 April 2013

General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

- 10:00 71st plenary meeting¹ General Assembly Hall
- Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: General and complete disarmament [items 7² and 94]

¹The President of the Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty will present a report on the outcome of the Conference, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/234 of 24 December 2012 (A/RES/67/234).

²To reallocate agenda item 94.

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

- 11:30 1st meeting Conference Room 4 (NLB)
- Report of the Secretary-General (A/67/710)

[A letter from the Office of the President of the General Assembly, dated 27 March 2013, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. The President of the General Assembly will make an opening statement.]

General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

Announcements

The agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/251 (see document A/67/252* for the allocation of items). Annotations can be found in document A/67/100 and A/67/100/Add.1.

The following agenda items remain for consideration during the sixty-seventh session, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly: items 9, 11, 13 to 15, 20 (a) and (h), 30, 31, 33 to 37, 39, 40, 42 to 48, 54, 56, 60, 63 (a) and (b), 70 (a) to (c), 74, 94 (b), 106, 107, 110 (a) and (b), 111 (f), (g) and (h), 112, 113, 115 to 117, 118 (a) and (b), 119, 120, 121 (a), (b), (g), (i), (p), (q), (r), (s) and (v), 122, 124 to 126, 128 (a) to (r), 129 to 157, 158 (a) and (b), and 159 to 164.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–16 September 2013). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please call 1 (212) 963-5063 (room S-3082). A tentative schedule of General Assembly meetings is also available at the following address: www.un.org/en/ga/info/meetings/67schedule.shtml.

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Security Council

Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities Briefing

The Ombudsperson of the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities, Ms. Kimberly Prost, will present an open briefing for all Member States on Wednesday, 3 April 2013, at 15:00, in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The Ombudsperson will provide an update on the work of her office (now approaching three years of operation), the status of the cases, current key issues and the implementation of the renewed mandate pursuant to Security Council resolution 2083 (2012). The Ombudsperson looks forward to this mutually beneficial dialogue with Member States and will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives of Member States may wish to raise at this briefing.

General Assembly

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples 2013 session

The 2nd meeting of the 2013 session of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will take place on Monday, 1 April 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Disarmament Commission
2013 substantive session

The 2013 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 1, to Friday, 19 April 2013. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 1 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1 (NLB). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidiya Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Commission.

A letter, dated 20 March 2013, was sent to all permanent missions and permanent observers regarding the schedule of meetings of the Commission. Queries regarding the letter could be addressed to the Secretary of the Commission (e-mail elliotts@un.org).

Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996
Sixteenth session

The sixteenth session of the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism) will be held from Monday, 8, to Friday, 12 April 2013. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 8 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional agenda is contained in document A/AC.252/L.21.

For further information on the relevant documentation, including previous reports of the Ad Hoc Committee and the Working Group of the Sixth Committee on measures to eliminate international terrorism, please [click here](#). The attention of delegations is particularly drawn to the 2010 report of the Working Group of the Sixth Committee, contained in document A/C.6/65/L.10.

Composition of delegations

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the secretariat of the Ad Hoc Committee (room M-13068A; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). A scanned copy of the original note verbale may also be sent to kosalvi@un.org.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-third session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-third session at Headquarters from Monday, 3, to Friday, 21 June 2013.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly, *no*

later than Friday, 17 May 2013. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

General Assembly Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Seventh session

Working Group on Lessons Learned

A meeting of the Working Group on Lessons Learned of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 3 April 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Economic and Social Council

Resumed organizational session for 2013

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 25, and Friday, 26 April 2013. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2013/2/Add.1.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 12 April 2013*. Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Radhika Ochalik (e-mail ochalik@un.org) and Ms. Celia Syyp (e-mail syyp@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups. A list of candidates for the election, as well as supporting documentation, can be consulted on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Commission on Population and Development

Forty-sixth session

The forty-sixth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 22, to Friday, 26 April 2013. The opening meeting will be convened on Monday, 22 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2013/1 and E/CN.9/2013/L.1, respectively. For background information, please *click here*.

The session will be PaperSmart. The official documentation of the Commission will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all official languages.

There will be no circulation of hard copies of documents. However, a print-on-demand service will be available, via which delegates can request for a hard copy at the PaperSmart Desk in the conference room, or by the print-on-demand option on the PaperSmart Portal. Delegates will be able to e-mail any document or statement to themselves from the Portal. No log in will be required to access the Portal.

QR Code posters with the PaperSmart Portal link will be put up in the conference room to enable easy access to the Portal via QR Code scanners on devices.

Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically.

List of participants

Members of the Commission and observers wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Commission and other observers are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Only those observers who indicate their participation by *Wednesday, 17 April 2013*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 (NLB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

List of speakers

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: New trends in migration — demographic aspects), will be held from Monday, 22, to Wednesday, 24 April 2013. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the speakers list for agenda item 4 or other items are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3505)). In accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the Commission, the suggested time limit for national statements is *seven minutes*, while that for statements on behalf of groups of States is *ten minutes*.

Once delegations and participants have inscribed on the list of speakers, they are requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart@un.org, as soon as available, and at least two hours in advance of their designated speaking slot. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the Portal.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-seventh session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-seventh session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-sixth session.

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Women's International Forum: Meeting on "Arab Spring or Islamist Winter? A journalist's perspective of the Arab Spring now" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Monday, 1 April 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Please *click here* for further information.]

Special events on the occasion of World Autism Awareness Day (2 April) (General Assembly resolution 62/139 (A/RES/62/139))

Musical performance and panel discussion on "Celebrating the ability within the disability of autism" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information)

Tuesday, 2 April 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Panel discussion on "Transition to adulthood" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information)

Tuesday, 2 April 2013, from 16:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend these events. For further information, please contact Ms. Edita Zulic, DPI (e-mail zulic@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-8210).]

Screening of the film "This is my Child" and panel discussion (organized by the Permanent Mission of Israel, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information)

Thursday, 4 April 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room E (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Keinan Ben-Ezra, Permanent Mission of Israel (e-mail keinanb@newyork.mfa.gov.il; tel. 1 (212) 499-5583).]

Expert Group Meeting on "The high-level political forum" (organized by the Division of Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Wednesday, 3, and Thursday, 4 April 2013, from 09:00 to 12:30 and from 13:30 to 17:00, in Conference Room S-2726 (Secretariat Building).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Irena Zubcevic, DESA (e-mail zubcevic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4528); or *click here*.]

High-level special event on "Innovation and resilience in corporate response to disaster" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Turkey and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))

Thursday, 4 April 2013, from 11:00 to 12:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please send an e-mail to rsvp.turkey@un.int. For further information, please contact Mr. Noyan Ozkaya, Permanent Mission of Turkey (e-mail noyan.ozkaya@mfa.gov.tr); or Ms. Srijana Rana, UNDP (e-mail srijana.rana@undp.org).]

Panel discussion on "Voices from Laos: Clearing bombs, protecting lives" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Legacies of War)

Thursday, 4 April 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. To register, please [click here](#). For further information, please contact Mr. Visasacksith Snookphone, Permanent Mission of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (e-mail visasacksith.s@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 832-2734).]

Round table on "Measuring effectiveness of support to the rule of law" (with a keynote address by the Deputy Secretary-General) (organized by the Rule of Law Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG))

Monday, 8 April 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Lilibeth Benitez, Rule of Law Unit (e-mail benitez@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2935).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Tenth session
Istanbul, Turkey

The United Nations Forum on Forests will hold its tenth session from Monday, 8, to Friday, 19 April 2013, at the Lüfti Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Center (LKCC), in Istanbul, Turkey. The session will open on Monday, 8 April, at 10:00. The annotated provisional agenda is contained in document E/CN.18/2013/1/Rev.1. A note by the Secretariat with detailed information for participants is contained in document E/CN.18/2013/INF/1.

Ministerial segment

The session will include a ministerial segment, which will be held on Monday, 8 April, from 15:00 to 19:00, and on Tuesday, 9 April 2013, from 12:00 to 13:00 and from 14:00 to 17:30. A list of speakers will be established for statements by Ministers and Heads of Delegations. Delegations are requested to inscribe, *as soon as possible*, the names of their Ministers or Heads of Delegations who wish to make a statement during the high-level ministerial segment, by sending an e-mail or fax to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; with a copy to bailey2@un.org; fax 1 (917) 367-3186). The time limits for statements are *five minutes* for individual Member States and *seven minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States.

Ministerial round tables

There will be two parallel round tables on Tuesday, 9 April 2013, from 9:00 to 10:30, each discussing a specific topic, as follows:

Round table 1: Forests and economic development; and

Round table 2: International arrangements on forests, the Rio+20 outcome and the post-2015 United Nations development agenda.

Immediately following the conclusion of the round tables, the Forum will convene in plenary, from 10:30 to 12:00, for a high-level interactive dialogue with the Heads of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests member organizations.

The round tables are open to the participation of all Member States and observers. Delegations are kindly requested to indicate, *as soon as possible*, their preference for the participation of their Ministers or Heads of Delegations in one of the above-mentioned round tables, by e-mail or fax to the Secretary of the Forum (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; with a copy to bailey2@un.org; fax 1 (917) 367-3186). Priority for interventions will be given to participants who have been inscribed before the deadline. The time limit for interventions is *three minutes*.

Documentation

For documentation and further information on the forthcoming session, please visit the following website: www.un.org/esa/forests/.

List of participants

Delegations who have not yet communicated the composition of their delegations to the secretariat of the Forum, are requested to do so, *as soon as possible*, to the Secretary of the Forum for inclusion in the list of participants (e-mail alejandrino@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; room S-1282), with a copy to the Protocol and Liaison Service for accreditation purposes (fax 1 (212) 963-1921).

Registration

For information on registration of participants, please visit the following website: www.un.org/esa/forests/session-access.

Major groups

Major groups organizations that are accredited with the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Sustainable Development are encouraged to attend the session.

Information on participation is available at www.un.org/esa/forests/participation.
Online registration is available at <http://esango.un.org/irene/>.

Side events

For information on side events, please *click here*.

Webcast coverage

The UN Webcast Unit will provide live and on-demand webcast coverage of the tenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests at <http://webtv.un.org>.

Travel and accommodation arrangements

Delegations wishing to attend the session are requested to contact directly, as soon as possible, the nearest Turkish consulate or embassy for information on visa and customs regulations. Delegations are also requested to make arrangements for accommodations through the host country's hotel bookings website at <http://dekon.com.tr/unff10/en/>.

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Second session

United Nations Office at Geneva

The second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons will be held from Monday, 22 April, to Friday, 3 May 2013, in the Assembly Hall, at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

The list of speakers for the general debate will be open on Tuesday, 2 April, at 10:00. States parties wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat of the Preparatory Committee from that date (Mr. Hong Tan, Office for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-7062; room S-3135; fax 1 (917) 367-1767)).

States parties are kindly requested to provide information, *in writing*, as soon as possible, *but no later than Tuesday, 2 April*, indicating the composition of their delegations to the session. The information should be sent to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Valère Mantels, Office for Disarmament Affairs (Room S-3132, United Nations, New York, N.Y. 10017). To facilitate the preparation and early distribution of the list of participants, it is also kindly requested that the composition of the delegations be made available in electronic format (Microsoft Word or compatible format) by e-mail to Ms. Bertha Ortiz (ortiz1@un.org), as soon as possible, *but no later than Tuesday, 2 April*.

Participants are requested to complete and send the registration form online (*click here*) or, alternatively, to complete the registration form annexed to the Information Note (annex I), which may be photocopied, and return it, as soon as possible, *but no later than Tuesday, 2 April 2013*, to Ms. Junko Hirakawa, preferably by e-mail (hirakawa@un.org).

Further information for participants, including the submission of pre-session documentation, is contained in the Information Note, and is also available on the website of the second session of the Preparatory Committee (*click here*).

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in room DC2-1142 (unless otherwise indicated), in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar ([click here](#)); or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Today, 28 March 2013 (in Spanish);

Wednesday, 17 April 2013 (in English); and

Wednesday, 24 April 2013 (in French).

Country and map resources for the United Nations community (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Tuesday, 9 April 2013.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 15:30 to 16:30) (in room M-10004)

Tuesday, 9 April 2013.

Overview of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library resources and databases
(from 10:00 to 12:00)

Thursday, 11 April 2013; and

Friday, 26 April 2013.

News E-resources for the United Nations community (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Tuesday, 23 April 2013.

Treaty research (from 14:30 to 16:30) (in room M-10004)

Friday, 26 April 2013.

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law recently added the following lecture to the Lecture Series of its website: "Jurisdiction in International Law: Reflections on *The Lotus*, Submarine Cables, Counterfeiters and Hijackers" by Mr. Roger Clark. All interested parties are invited to visit the website at www.un.org/law/avl/ to view the new lecture.

United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Africa: Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions

The Regional Courses in International Law provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to developing countries in a given region. The

Regional Courses provide an important mechanism for expanding the international law training opportunities available to young lawyers from developing countries under the Programme of Assistance given the limited number of participants which can be accommodated in the International Law Fellowship Programme. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law of common concern in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues.

As the Regional Courses are dependent on voluntary contributions, the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is urgently seeking contributions from Member States in order to ensure sufficient funding for the Regional Course for Africa, which will take place from Monday, 1, to Friday, 26 April 2013, in Ethiopia. For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6971).

2013 United Nations Regional Course in International Law, Bangkok, Thailand

Applications for the 2013 United Nations Regional Course in International Law, scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 November 2013, are now being accepted from candidates from Member States of the United Nations which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States (and from Kiribati). The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 30 April 2013*.

The Regional Course will be conducted in English. For further information, including applications forms, please consult the Regional Course website at the following address: www.un.org/law/rcil/asia; or contact the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2013:

Second Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (28 May 2013), to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances (*click here for general information*);

Sixth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (30 May 2013), to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (*click here for general information*); and

Twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination will meet (3 June 2013), to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (*click here for general information*).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many

months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before the meeting*.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn: Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; room S-1308)). For any clarifications on these elections, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turnpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 27 March 2013

General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

70th plenary meeting

Report of the Peacebuilding Commission (A/67/715) [item 31]

Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund (A/67/711) [item 107]

Joint debate

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda items 31 and 107.

Statements were made by the representatives of Sweden, Nepal, Portugal, Guinea, the Russian Federation, the United States, Norway, Ethiopia, South Africa, Senegal, Pakistan and Kyrgyzstan.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 31 and 107.

General Assembly

Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty

15th meeting

Introduction of the President's third draft text [item 13]

The President of the Conference made a statement.

16th meeting

Report of the Drafting Committee [item 14]

The President of the Conference made a statement.

Report of the Credentials Committee [item 9 (b)]

The President of the Conference made a statement and the Conference adopted the draft resolution, contained in the report of the Credentials Committee (A/CONF.217/2013/1).

Statements were made by the Permanent Observers of the Holy See and the State of Palestine.

The representative of Kuwait (on behalf of the Arab Group) made a statement.

The President of the Conference made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco and Brazil.

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

2013 substantive session

232nd meeting

Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Nigeria), Chair of the Special Committee, opened the meeting and made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) and the European Union.

The Special Committee agreed to meet again no later than Friday, 26 April 2013.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendment to article 8 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Kampala, 10 June 2010

Ratification: Estonia (27 March 2013)

Amendments on the crime of aggression to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Kampala, 11 June 2010

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